

**Publication Announcement:**

***Climate Changes in the Upper Great Lakes Region - A Workshop Report***

The Global Change Research Program is pleased to announce the publication of the first report from the Great Lakes Regional Assessment that is being conducted as part of the First U.S. National Assessment. The report is entitled, *Climate Changes in the Upper Great Lakes Region - A Workshop Report*. The report was published by the Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Space Sciences Department at the University of Michigan.

The Great Lakes Regional Assessment is being conducted as part of the U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment of "The Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change for the United States." The Great Lakes Regional Assessment is being coordinated by the University of Michigan and is being sponsored by ORD's Global Change Research Program. It is one of the 19 Regional Assessments and five Sectoral Assessments being conducted as part of the First National Assessment. In addition to the Great Lakes Regional Assessment, ORD's Global Change Research Program is sponsoring the Mid-Atlantic Regional Assessment, the Gulf Coast Regional Assessment, and the Health Sector Assessment.

The newly released report summarizes a workshop held at the outset of the Great Lakes Regional Assessment. The workshop opened a dialogue among a broad range of stakeholders regarding climate change and variability in the Great Lakes region. It served as a mechanism to identify concerns of people who have a stake in the future of the Great Lakes region. Particular attention was paid to seven areas where climate change and variability were thought to potentially have important impacts: water resources, water ecology, land ecology, agriculture, infrastructure, economy, and human health. In addition, discussions were held about regional climate, and governance and education.

The stakeholders' concerns are now being addressed in the Great Lakes Regional Assessment. The assessment is considering how regional climate change, as defined by newly available scenarios that include the Great Lakes and other "what-if" scenarios, will affect some of the sectors that were discussed at the workshop.

**Copies of the workshop report can be obtained from:**

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